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The Honorable Kevin Mullin
Green Mountain Care Board
89 Main Street, Third Floor, City Center
Montpelier, VT 05620

Re: Electronic Health Record Replacement Project, Certificate of Need Hearing
Docket No. GMCB-001-17con

Dear Chair Mullin:

I am writing in response to a question that was posed by Board member Robin Lunge during the hearing for our application on November 6th. Ms. Lunge asked whether our project would satisfy the *Criteria for Creating or Maintaining Connectivity to the Vermont Health Information Exchange* (the "VHIE Connectivity Criteria").¹

As Chief Medical Information Officer for UVM Health Network, I was asked early on in the development of our project to assess the VHIE Connectivity Criteria and determine whether our project would satisfy the requirements. The VHIE Connectivity Criteria includes specific criteria for connectivity, data and security. This includes four incremental stages designed to achieve maximum interoperability among providers via the Vermont Health Information Exchange (VHIE). Stage 4, the final stage, is when the provider achieves full integration with the VHIE.

I am pleased to confirm that our project will meet all Stage 4 requirements for full integration with the VHIE. Further, having a unified EHR among the participating UVM Health Network hospitals will enhance the quality of clinical information available in the VHIE, and eliminate the number of interfaces currently used by the UVM Health Network hospitals to connect to the VHIE.

I hope this answers Ms. Lunge's question. We would be happy to address any further questions from the Board, and we appreciate the Board's careful review of our CON application for this important project.

Very truly yours,



Douglas A. Gentile, MD
Chief Medical Information Officer

¹ In accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 9352(i)(2), the Vermont Information Technology Leaders established the criteria for maintaining connectivity to the State's health information exchange network.